



Texas Military Department

DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: TMD Legislation Proposal Requirements for the 87th Texas Legislature

References.

(a) TMD Directive 1030.05 (Political Activities of Members of the Texas state Guard (TXSG) dated 23 SEP 19

(b) TMD Directive 5500.01 (Elected Official Engagement and Coordination Requirements with Government Affairs Office (GAO) dated 06 AUG 18

1. PURPOSE. This directive establishes Texas Military Department (TMD) policies and procedures for all proposed legislation and/or budget changes that directly impacts the TMD for the 87th Texas Legislative Session.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE. This directive applies to all members of the Texas Military Department (TMD) regardless of component or duty/employment status.

3. POLICY.

a. Texas Military Department (TMD) highly encourages all components, directorates, and sections to use their knowledge and expertise to propose legislation changes with the purpose of improving the agency's ability to execute federal and state missions. All TMD components and their subsidiaries will abide by the following process for submitting legislation and/or legislative appropriation requests (LARs) for approval for the 87th Texas Legislative Session:

1. All components (TXARNG, TXANG, TXSG, and OSA) will submit all proposed legislation and/or LARs to the TMD Government Affairs Office (GAO). The GAO will consolidate, vet, and staff all proposals through the offices of the General Counsel, State Chief Financial Officer, the Director of State Administration, the Joint Chief of Staff, the Adjutant General's Chief of Staff, the Director of Joint Staff, and the Deputy Adjutants General. Components, directorates, and sections, with support from GAO, will present their legislation and LARs to the Adjutant General (TAG) for final

approval upon the conclusion of the staffing process.


2. The only official position that can institute TMD legislative agendas and priorities is The Adjutant General of Texas. Any TMD member operating in a capacity external to the agency that files legislation impacting TMD, will coordinate in conjunction with the Office of the Adjutant General to ensure continuity of effort and transparency within the agency. Failure to comply will result in the agency not supporting this proposed legislation.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. The Director of Government Affairs is responsible for all legislative affairs for TMD, including the management and staffing of all legislation and LAR priorities of the agency. The GAO is designated as the single office within TMD responsible for legislative affairs and legislative coordination at the state and federal levels.

5. RELEASABILITY. Unlimited.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective immediately and will expire two years from the date of publication unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

7. POINT OF CONTACT. Government Affairs Office at 512-782-3806.


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